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Part B for December 1929

SUBJECT

Proposals for the exploitation of chrome and copper ores

Serial No.

1 Jaron ref. A.L. Shirager
memo no. 5562 dt 20.6.29
forms the 1st numbered.
Requests that he may be
permitted to exploit mineral
deposits in the State & that the
Dir. of Geol. may be instructed
to place full details before him
as regards the copper deposits
& on that a re being operated by
the Govt. agency.
numbers minute:-
1) Dev. Secy. with Compts.
(SD) M. N.K
24/6/2

D. O. no. C3 dt 1.7.29 from the
Dev. Secy. to N.K.
numbers minute:-
2) "We recently received a letter from
this gentleman & I believe this is also
we have on the subject. I am not
sure if we have A. Our present
policy is against such concessions.
Let us send a reply to this letter
3) Dev. Secy. with Compliments
(SD) M. N. K
1-7-29

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4) Asst Sec'y
Please bring this up for discussion with me. Also please find out whether we have the British Mining Rules here.

1/7/29

Refs please
CW
2/7

5) Submd. with a copy each of the following

* 1) Mineral Concession Rules in force in Mysore (Revised Prof. Co.

+ 2) The British Indian Mining Rules

+ since procured for a/f use.

Seen 2.7.29

2/7/29

6) Please put up the letter rec'd from Mr Schrager regd in the 1st Member's minute on P.W.D. Are there any files relating to concessions asked by Mr Schragers Co.?

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7) Fair draft put up.

8) There is no provision in the Mysore Treaty (1913) regarding negotiations between the State & the foreign financial agents.

9) Mr. Krupp's Co. have not approached Govt. for any concession re mineral exploitations & as such there are no refusals.

10) Letter from Mr. Shrager refd. to in the Member's minute already in the file is filed.

3-7-29 11) Opn. for approval (for Mr.) Cen 3.7.29

12) Returned with compliments and thanks. I have advised Mr.Shrager that the 1st Member of Council is dealing with the matter and there is no further purpose in his seeing me about it.

The item of the British Indian Mining Rules to which I wished to make reference is Rule 18(a) of Part VII.

Private Secretary

to H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore.

To the First Member)

13) 9.7.29

9.7.29 Cen 196

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REPLY

(To be written on this margin.)

~~OFFICE OF THE~~
FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

NOTE.

Dated 5th J u l y *192*9

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Reference.- 1) Letter dated 4th July 1929 from Messrs Simoes Bros.

2) Letter dated 4th July 1929 from Mr. A.L.Shrager.

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14) The above were received late last evening and they relate to the proposals which Messrs Simoes and Shrager explained in person to me and to the Development Secretary on the 3rd instant.

15) 2. Mr. Simoes refers to ferro-chrome. Our experiments in regard to making ferro-chrome are still in the initial stage. Messrs Beer,Sondheimer & Coy. have apparent ly been misinformed that we are already in a position to put a large quantity of ferro chrome on the market for sale. Their ~~pro-~~ request posal to be allowed the first refusal in respect of purchase of ferro-chrome and their enquiries in regard to the quantity that can be made available every month and the quality and composition of t h e mineral, are premature.

16) 3. Mr. Shrager's letter refers to concentration experiments and the manufacturing of products from chrome concentrates Messrs Oakley, Bowden have informed us that they are conducting experiments in regard to concentration of low grade chrome ore and if others like the Company repre-

sented,

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represented by Mr. Shrager also desire to carry out experiments, we need have no objection to give them all the required facilities.

17) 4. The Director of Geology and myself have for some time past, been thinking of finding som use for the low grade chrome deposits we have and the communications now received are in response to enquiries which we have been making. I see no objection to permitting authorised agents of the Company represented by Mr.Shrager to make an inspection of our low grade chrome areas and also to carry out some prospecting and research work for the production of concentrates. I do not, however, think it is possible to give them any "definite and prior assurance" that long leases will be given for working the areas or that the whole out-put will be sold to this particular Company. Mr.Shrager is not right in stating that anything in the nature of an assurance was given to him in this respect at the interview he had with me on this subject.

18) 5. Both the communications may be sent to the Director of Geology for expression of his views ~~made~~ on the proposals made in them.

19) 6. The two letters may be acknowledged and it may be added that the proposals made in them will receive consideration.

20) 7. Copies of these two letters may be sent to Sir Charles Todhunter in continuation of my yesterday's letter to him. It may be

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stated in the letter addressed to him that Mr. Shrager is not right in his statement that anything in the nature of an assurance was conveyed to him at the interview he had with me in regard to the grant of leases for working chrome areas or for the sale of the whole of the out-put of any area worked, to the Company represented by him.

21) 8. The enquiries we have now received on behalf of Messrs Beer, Sondheimer & Coy. and Compagnie deb Minerais de Fer Magnetique de Mokta-El-Hadid, and the action proposed to be taken in respect of them, may be reported for the information of the Dewan.

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
6 JULY 1929
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

5/7/29

Development Secretary
with compliments.

22) Please put up dfts
6 7 29

23) Filed. Circle for (4) drafts
15-7-29 4 dfts for approval
14.7.29

25) Issue traits
25 7 29

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Serial No.	
5	To messrs. Smiles Bros. No. D. 961 of 26-7-1929 Acknowledges the receipt of his letter of 4.7.29 to the first member of Council in the matter of giving him the 1st refusal for the purchase of Ferro-Chrome & states that the proposals made therein will receive due consideration
6	To A-L. Shenagen, Esqr. No. D. 962 of 26-7-1929 Acknowledges the receipt of his letter of 4.7.29 to the first member of Council re the exploitation of low Grade Chrome ore & states that the matter will receive due consideration
7	To the Dir. of Geol. No. D. 963 of 26-7-1929 forwards in original ~~Copies of the above~~ letters recd. from messrs. Smiles Bros & A.L. Shenagen & requests his opinion as regards the general proposals contained therein
8	To the Prin. Secy. to H.H. D-O No. D. 964/26-7-29 forwards Copies of the two letters pltd. to above & states that mr. Shenagen is not correct in the

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statements made in his letter that anything in the nature of assurance was conveyed to him and Shri at the interview he had with the 7th member in regard to the grant of leases for working chrome ores etc

26) Refree:— Para 25 of Note - p. 6 Revised.

27.7.29

Secys)

Cen 29.7.29

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27/7) Filed for information

Dewan)

30 7 29

Cen 31/7

9 From Mr. A.L. Shenagan.

Letter dt 29-7-29

Requests that the proposals contained in the previous letter may be considered & states that the Company is canvassing the Govt. personnels regarding its Offer to enable him to place them before the friendly Principals for Consideration

Secys Note

28) " Filed. with refrees.

(W.) N.R 31/7/29

8th member)

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Genl. 119-28-10

Pet. No. 175

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE,

Bangalore, dated 27.7.1929.

The accompanying petition addressed to the Dewan is forwarded, with compliments, to the ~~Chief~~ Development Secretary to Government,

Refer, at once

31/7/29

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
995
31 JULY 29
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

By Order,

Private Secretary to the Dewan.

10 From md. A.-L. Manager (Mines P.S.D.)
no. Pet. 175 of 29.7.29
Requests that decisions arrived at regarding the proposals contained in his letter of 22.6.29 may be hastened by Govt. ~~for~~.
Keep note
29/ Refer. at once
(W) N.R.
31.7.29
30/ The connected file has been sent

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	to the 1st number on 31.7.29, and will if agreed be pursued on its return. 30/1/8/29 31) File has since been rtd. Cen 5/8/29

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1st member's minute

31) "This may be acknowledged. He may be told that the Dir. of Geol. has been asked to send him a copy of the Bulletin on Rajpootana Copper prospecting. On other points we can give him a reply after we hear from the Dir".

(D) M. N. K
2.8.29

Secy's note.

32) "Draft accordingly".

(D) N. 12
7/8
(1) C.E.N.
3/8

33) Draft sent.

34) Orders are also solicited as to whether the file should be sent to Darwan before issue of the draft or after – (please see para 14 of note)

no 378/29

35) Off. for approval

Secy

Cen 5/8/29

36) Issue + subt to Darwan

5/8

WK
5 8 29
Cen 6/8

11 To A-L. Manager. Esqr.
no. D. 1391 & 6.8.29.
Acknowledges the Receipt of his letter & 29-7-29 & states that the

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Dir of Geol. has been asked to send a copy of Bulletins on Ingaddekal copper Pr respecting.

To the Dir. of Geol.
No. 1392 dt 6.8.29
forwards copy of the above & requests him to send a copy of the Bulletin to Mr. Sturager

12 From the Prin. Leg. to H.H.
No. Comp. No 20 (Simla) dt 30 7 29
Acknowledges the receipt of letter dt 26.7.29 (K.S.) & states that the proposal of Messrs. Linnes Bros & Sturager to give to the State a 25% share in the Company to take it-that will not be accepted.

~~Reference invited to para 36 of notes.~~

37/ Noted. invite refee: to para 36 of notes

38/ Letter dated 20.7.29, from Mr. Sturager to the address of the Dewan (Serial No 10) has not been forwarded by the Minister

Flag B.

7.8.29

39/ Thos. for information
(Pr. Mbr.
Dewan.)

9.8.29

40) Mug
11.8.29

41) Thos 12.8.29

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DEWAN'S OFFICE 12 AUG 1929

OFFICE OF THE FIRST MEMBER-COUNCIL 10 AUG. 1929 No. 1016

GEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

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13 From- Asst Manager
Letter dt 13.8.29
With reference to the communication rec'd from the Dir. of Geol. he requests information on his proposals for collection of Chromite specimens.

42) If the Dir. of Geol. seems to be corresponding with Asst. Manager & this is one of such communications.

43) whether the Dir. of Geol. has agreed. such a proposal cannot be made out & the opinion on the subject called for from him (Dir. of Geol) in letter No D 963/Geol 119-28-8 dt 26-7-29 has not been received.

44) may a copy of this letter be sent to him with a request to expedite the submission of the report.

45) for orders

20/8/29 Secy

19.8.29

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46) Yes

25-8-29

47) Left Sub.

27/8/29

48) Issue

28.8.29

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14	From Mr. A.L. Manager. Letter dt 21.8.29 States that his proposals may be considered early Demands minute on p.n.d 49/I I enclose with Compliments for kind disposal (Sd) M.M.J. 23.8.29 First members minute. Sd) "This is another false statement of this man. Please tell him that no leaves can be allowed". (Sd) M.M.K 26/8/29 (") N.R 26/8/29 (") C.E.N 27.8.29
15	To the Dir. of Geol. No. 8358 dt 29.8.29 Forwards copy of letter dt 13/8/29 from Mr. A.L. Manager refd. to in sl. 13 and requests him to submit the opinion called for in sl. 7 above Sd) Subd. with draft as directed in para 50 above. 29.8.29 52) Opn: for approval Secy S)
30/8	1st Member 53) Chn/C 31.8.29

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2 SEP 1929
No 1535

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54) Secy 4/9 Chn 4.9.29 Chn 31/8

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16	From the Dir. of Geol. No. 4048-2 dt 31-8-29 states that for reasons stated ~~that~~ proposals of Asst. Manager Cannot be considered
17	do Asst. Manager No. D. 2568 dt 5-9-29 Informs him that no lease can be granted.
18	From Asst. A.L. Manager Letter dt 2-9-29. states that there are other concrete proposals pending consideration + that he is awaiting the decision of Govt. re the above. Secy's note. 55) Refers. are there any points other than request for leases - left undecided? (Sd) N.R 8/9 (Sd) C.E.N 10/9. 56) The questions re Copper & Pig Iron are not finally disposed of. Re - Copper 57) on the request of Asst. Manager re facilities to be given to the Company for the exploitation of this mineral

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a copy of the Bulletin on Rajaldesar Copper Prospecting was sent as per orders of the Member. and the Dir. of Geol. was asked in letter no. D. 2358 dt 29.8.29 to furnish opinion on the Company's proposal both as regards Iron-Chrome & ~~Chrom~~ Copper. But the Dir. deals only with Iron-Chrome and does not say anything clearly as regards Copper. (Letter no. 4c48-2 dt 31.8.29). Hence Mr. Stranger has again urged the point.

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Re- Pigeon:-

58) Separate action is being taken on this in the Iron Works Section

59) For orders.

Mr. to be dealt with there MK

20 13.9.29

Secy.

14/9

Gen 14.9.29

60) The Dir may be consulted about copper - unless ~~it is considered~~, in view of Mr Stranger's proneness to make unfounded statements, it is considered undesirable, on general grounds, to have anything to do with him.

1st Member MK 10.10.29

61) In regard to copper this enough to invite his attention to the fact that a copy of the bulletin has been sent to him and to state that any proposals made will be considered MK 11.10.29 MK 11.10.29

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	Members minute :- Para 61.
	62) Draft filed.
	20. 16.10.29 15.10.29
	Off. for approval
	Secy.
	Cen 19.x.29
19/20	Issue 7.11.29 Cen 7/11
19	To Mr. A Latham No D 4939 dated 15-11-29 states that a copy of the Report on the Nyalohal Gypsum mines has been sent to him and awaits any proposals in that connection

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7 DEC. 1929
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Lavender's Hotel

Bangalore le 22nd June 1929

Compagnie

MINERAIS DE FER MAGNÉTIQUE
DE
MOKTA-EL-HADID

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

CAPITAL: 40,000,000 DE Frs.

60, Rue de la Victoire-Paris.

OFFICE OF THE
FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
24 JUNE 1929
No. M. SS2

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
25 JUN 1929
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

To
The First Member in Council,
Mysore Government,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to address you on behalf of the above Company, whom I am representing.&

I have pleasure to refer you to a True Copy of the attached credentials that must satisfy your Government of the value my introduction of the above important Company can be to the Mysore State, should you be interested in permitting this Concern to exploit mineral deposits in your State, as they have expressed their desire to do - more particularly concerning the Chrome Ores, now being worked by you.

Understanding that the copper deposits have now been fully prospected by your State, and development is now desired, I shall esteem it if you would kindly direct your Director of Geology to place full details before me, on which you are prepared to entertain the exploiting of these areas by important financial groups, such as the above.

You will appreciate, before proceeding further on behalf of my Principals, after your State shall have satisfied themselves with the original references placed in deposit with the Imperial Bank of India, Bangalore, I shall be advised whether the Mysore Government's sanction and approval would be given to the above Company to hold Mining Leases or exploit mineral deposits in your State.

Thanking you for a very early reply.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

A. L. Strage.
Representative,
THE MOKTA-EL-HADID COMPANY.

S/DC.

Compagnie

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MINERAIS DE FER MAGNETIQUE
DE
MOKTA-EL-HADID

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

CAPITAL: 40,000,000 DE Fcs.

60, Rue de la Victoire-Paris.

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True Copy of a Report from the French Trades Commissioner, Calcutta.

The Firm enquired about:

Compagnie des Minerais de fer Magnetique Mokta el Hadid.
(Limited Company with a Capital of French Francs 40.000.000
Forty Million) Head Office, 60 Rue de la Victoire,
Paris.

An important Company exploiting mines in the Northern Africa and having an important share in many mining exploitions. Influential financial group possessing a very good commercial reputation.

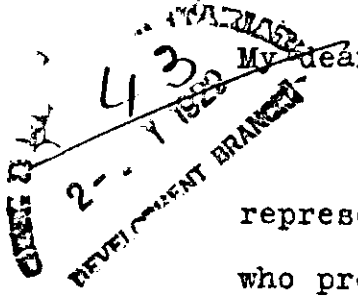
The Managing Director of this Company, M.Leon DE NERVO is also a Member of the Executive Body of the "Comite des Forges de France" and at the same time Director of many important Metallurgical Companies in France.

The shares of this Company are quoted at the Sock Exchange of Paris at about 11.800 Francs each. Last dividend declared is 290 Francs against 260 Francs during the year before last.

Calcutta 13th May 1929.

Ballabrooke

Bangalore, 1st July, 1929.



My dear Krishna Rao,

I had a long call today from Mr. A.L. Shrager, representative of the Compagnie de "Mokta-el-Hadid", who professed himself anxious to secure information as to the provisions of the treaty regarding negotiations between the State and foreign financial agents, and also as to the provision of the British Mining Rules regarding concessions to persons other than British subjects, and of the Company law, if there is any, regarding the retention in the country of a controlling number of shares in locally registered companies.

I should be much obliged, if you see no objection, if I might have any files there are relating to concessions asked for by the company that Mr. Shrager represents for my information, and also if your office could send a copy of the British Indian Mining Rules.

If I understood Mr Shrager aright, he is

anxious to get very large concessions from you in favour of a Company which would insist on ~~maintaining~~ maintaining the majority of the shares in French hands, and this, I presume, is a proposition you would not listen to.

Yours sincerely,

Ext 119-28

D.O. No. 4
Enc - nebbe

4th July 9.

Dear Sir Charles,

With reference to your letter dated the 1st July regarding Mr. A.L.Shrager's interview with you, the only reference we have from this gentleman is a letter he sent to us on the 22nd June announcing that the Company he represented, desired to exploit mineral deposits in the State, more particularly chrome ores now being worked by us. He also referred to our copper deposits and wanted that the Director of Geology should place full details before him.

2. In regard to the exploitation of these minerals, the position is briefly this: There are possibilities of the profitable utilisation of our chrome in the manufacture of ferrochrome, etc., in regard to which investigations are in progress, and in view of this, it is not desirable to permit any extensive removal of this mineral. In fact, we are already pursuing the policy of conserving this mineral by not permitting, as far as possible, new leases or extensions of existing leases, for working it. The case of copper is somewhat different, and an offer for its exploitation from a firm of sound standing, which gives full details as to what concessions it wants, and what price it is prepared to pay for them, may be considered. The report of prospecting work done by the Geological Department for the exploration of the deposit of this mineral near Chitaldrug will soon be ready and it will give all the information which the public interested in mining, would require.

3. Our financial relations with foreign agents are not regulated by any term in the Treaty, but the Government of India have, according to an old understanding on the subject, to be consulted before an Indian State enters into any financial transaction with such an agent.

4. As you observe, we cannot possibly consider any request for concessions from a Company which insists on retaining a controlling proportion of shares in foreign hands.

5. I send herewith, as desired by you, a copy of the British Indian Mining Rules, which may kindly be returned when no longer required.

Yours sincerely,

P.S.- I may add that Mr. Shrager saw me yesterday, and from what he told me, his object appears to be to obtain large concessions in respect of low grade chrome areas for disposal of ore after concentration. I believe some experiments on concentration have been tried in Canada and I do not know with what result. But what work in this direction has been attempted in this country, has not so far been attended with much success. One of our present lessees Messrs Oakley Bowden, have told us that they are now working on this problem. They hold ~~no~~ a ten years' lease in the Arsikere Taluk.

Mr. Shrager was not able to explain to me exactly the object of the Company he represents. I told him that we should like to have a fuller communication regarding the scheme proposed and he offered to write about it. We may await the promised communication.

List of papers sent with D.O. letter No.4 dated 4-7-29 from the First Member of Council.

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1. Office Note (Geol. 119-28) pages 1 to 3.
2. Letter dated 1-7-29 from the Private Secretary to His Highness to the First Member of Council.
3. Letter dated the 22nd June 1929 from Mr. A.L.Schragel to the First Member of Council.
4. A copy of the British Indian Mining Rules

and 5. A copy of the Mysore Treaty of 1913.

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Dear Sir Charles,

With reference to your letter dated the 1st July regarding Mr. A.L.Shrager's interview with you, ~~I think~~ the only reference we have from this gentleman is a letter he sent to us on the 22nd June announcing that the Company he represented desired to exploit mineral deposits in the State, more particularly chrome ore now being worked by us. He also referred to our copper deposits and wanted that the Director of Geology should place full details before him.

In regard to the exploitation of these minerals the position is briefly this: There are possibilities of the profitable utilisation of our chrome ~~in Mysore~~ in the manufacture of ferro-chrome, etc., in regard to which ~~promising~~ investigations are in progress, and in view of this, it is not desirable ~~we are very unwilling~~ to permit any extensive removal of this mineral. ~~In fact it is probable that we shall be cautious even in granting renewals of existing leases~~. In fact we are already pursuing The policy of Conserving this mineral by not permitting, as far as possible, new leases or extensions of existing leases, for exporting it. The case of copper is ~~rather~~ somewhat different, and an offer for its exploitation from a firm of sound standing which gives full details as to what concessions it wants, and what price it is prepared to pay for them may be considered, ~~has a chance of favourable consideration~~.

Our financial relations with foreign agents are not regulated by any term

P.T.O.

The report of prospecting work done by the Geological Dept to the exploration of the deposit of this mineral will be ready and I will give all the information which the public interested in mining may require

term in the Treaty, but the Government of India have ~~formulated that they should~~ be consulted before ~~we enter into such relations.~~ an Indian State enters into any financial transaction with such an Agency. According to an old understanding in the Protectorate. In your absence we can not possibly consider any request for concessions from a Company which insisted on retaining a controlling proportion of shares in ~~foreign~~ hands.

I send herewith as desired by you a copy of the British Indian Mining Rules, which may be kindly returned when no longer required.

Yours sincerely,

C.V. 3.1.29

4/7/29

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
M Y S O R E.

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TELEGRAM: "SIMOES"

CODES USED BENTLEY'S.

Mormugao Office: VASCO-DA-GAMA

Simoes Brothers.

SHIPPING, INSURANCE AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

MINES AND MINERALS.

Ref. No _____

Dept. _____

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT 214 6 JULY 1929 DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

90, LADY CURZON ROAD.

BANGALORE, 4th July 192 9.

Diwan Bahadur, N. Krishna Rao, B.A.,

First Member of Council, Mysore Government,

Bangalore.

Geol 119-28-2

Dear Sir,

Re; Ferro-Chromium.

Referring to the interview you were good enough to afford us yesterday, I beg to submit enclosed herein copies of correspondence addressed to the Mysore Government, through the proper channel, for your information.

Assuring you of my best attention at all times.

Yours faithfully,

Simoes

All Contracts Subject to Force Majeure Clause and Offers to Stocks being unsold.

"COPY"

TELEGRAMS
"SIMOES"
CODE USED
BENTLEY'S.

MORMUGAO OFFICE:
VASCO—DA—GAMA

Simoes Brothers.

SHIPPING, INSURANCE AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

MINES AND MINERALS.

90, LADY CURZON ROAD,

Ref. No _____

Dept _____

Bangalore, ~~29th~~. April 1929.

P. Sampat Iyengar, Esqr., M.A.,
Director, Mysore Geological Dept.,
BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

I beg to submit enclosed herein a copy of the letter dated 3/4/29, received from Messrs. Beer, Sondheimer & Co., for you information and favourable consideration of the Government.

Messrs. Beer, Sondheimer & Co., are my principals' Home partners and distributors of Mysore Chrome Ore to the markets of the world, who paid the highest prices for the last two tenders of 4000 tons of Chromite, each.

They also happen to be the greatest exporting organization on the Continent of Europe distributing all kinds of Ferro-Alloys to the consumers of the world. Their buying and selling being on a very large scale, spread all over the world, they are the best fitted to market the products of the Mysore Government, handling as your sole agents in all countries of the world or as buyers of the whole output of Ferro-Chrome, on their own account.

As this appears a bit premature, I request you to express your views, place this on record and afford Messrs. Beer, Sondheimer & Co., the first refusal sought for the purchase of Ferro-Chrome you contemplate producing on a large scale, in the near future.

Thanking you in anticipation of the trouble involved in giving this your earliest attention,

Yours faithfully,

Simoes

Henr. Sondheimer & Co. Frankfurt a. M.

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3/4/29.

Department C.
L/Rs.

Messrs. Simoes Brothers,
90 Lady Curzon Road
Bangalore. (India)

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Ferro-Chromium.

Our Minerals-Department has transferred us copy of your kind letter of February 16th, addressed to Messrs. Woh: Amin Bros. Calcutta. From which we noted with interest, that the Director of the Mysor Government has decided to convert all the future output of Chrome Ores into Ferro-Chrome.

We suppose that this matter has meanwhile changed into a definite one and we will not fail to study this matter at once.

As already written we are doing a large business to all countries and continents in all kinds of Ferro Alloys, also in Ferro-Chrôme in the different compositions, and we are well prepared to give the Government full informations they will require regarding the chemical and physical quality, prices and other conditions for this material.

We are very much interested to come in touch with these producers and we hope that we will have the first refusal on this Ferro-Chrôme, in view of our large Contracts in Ores with the Government.

We would be very much obliged to you to kindly give us full details about this production in Ferro-Chrôme, the tonnage produced per month or intended to produce per month, the quality, especially the following contents:-

Messrs. Simoes Bros.
Bangalore.

Cr	minimum	S	maximum
C	maximum	Cu	"
Si		Sn	"
Mn		As	"
P		N	"
		Al	"

Further we would require good samples of all qualities produced, in order to enable us to make our own exact analysis.

Naturally it would be the best if the Government would consign about 10 to 15 tons to Hamburg, in order to enable us to introduce their Qualities to the European buyers; after stating, that the quality is sufficient, we would be interested to take some quantities from the Government, either on a commission-basis, handling as their selling-agents in all countries, or for our own account.

Awaiting with pleasure your detailed news, we remain, dear Sirs.

Yours faithfully,

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Letter dated 4th July 1929 from Messrs: Simoes Brothers, Bangalore.

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Re: Ferro-Chrome.

Referring to the interview you were good enough to afford us yesterday, I beg to submit enclosed herein copies of correspondence addressed to the Mysore Government through the proper channel, for your information.

Assuring you of my best attention at all times.

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Letter dated 29th April 1929 from Messrs: Simoes Brothers to the Director of Geology in Mysore.

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I beg to submit enclosed herein a copy of the letter dated 3/4/29, received from Messrs: Beer, Sondheimer & Co., for your information and favourable consideration of the Government.

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" C O P Y "

For Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

TSS-26/7

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"C O P Y"

FOR SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.

TSS-26/7

Ecol. 119-28-3

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Letter dated *th July from Mr.A.L.Shrager, Representative for the Compagnie des Minfrais de Fer Magnetioue de Mokta-el-Hadid, Paris, c/o Lavender's Hotel Bangaloro.

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I have the honour to thank you for your interview of yesterday, concerning the advancement of the interest the above important serious mining group has taken in the Chrome deposit of the Mysore State.

My presence here, on their behalf, is with full authority to negotiate to acquire leases that had already interested them after inspection, subject, of course, to prior sanction and approval by your Government.

It has been a matter of the utmost importance for us to learn that your Government's attitude and policy of progress is now open to consider proposals that can permit competent parties to exploit low grade Chrome projects of your State, although this decision is not so, we understand, concerning the High grade quality; deposits which you are now developing successfully yourselves, selling the output at pit's mouth.

Without prejudice, I am confident of the support that will follow to justify my placing the undermentioned proposal before your Government on behalf of the above concern, for your consideration, and early decision, for approval to allow of-

1. A preliminary inspection of areas in your State and
2. That, if approved of, as to the quantity of ore likely to be available and required for the - Concern's undertakings we shall be permitted

a reasonable period to proceed to thoroughly prospect and carry out all necessary research, at out our own entire expense as, to the best possibilities of concentrating with the object of converting such concentrates into products which shall form a local industry to produce such articles for which a market exists, or shall be made, by the control of sufficient quantity becoming available to us.

3. Lastly, if the result of our endeavours have proved the Commercial possibilities to be of sufficient interest whether we shall be given your definite and prior assurance that leases for the areas in question or the output from your deposits shall become available to ourselves on a suitabale long lease, or to overcome possible complication, that a contract or contracts for the output would be granted for not less than 20 years at least, and or for such periods that may be mutually decided upon hereafter.

At the outset, assurance of the above three points having verbally been expressed, and considered possible, as I understand at our interview, on receiving your Government's confirmation, I may assure you that immediate arrangements will be made by the above named concern to send a mission of eminent gentlemen, thoroughly competent, to make technical research and exploit the commercial possibilities as may exist on the control of such deposits, (or the output of a certain quantity in the State of Mysore), being explcited to mutual advantage.

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A copy of other references already forwarded to you as from the French Trades Commissioner, I have no doubt, must be satis-

satisfactory to you.

Graciously thanking you for your interview, and craving for an early decision, or any other counter-suggestions in reply to this letter.

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2. Subject to the inspection proving the quantity considered necessary for the enterprise to be available then an optional period of not less than six months extendable for a further period of six months shall be granted for the purposes of carrying out not only ~~as~~ the entire research

necessary to prove the possibility of concentrating at a cost to enable production to become commercial, but also converting such concentrates into products to meet existing demands and lastly to establish assured possibility of the markets that may be made when control of a sufficient quantity may become available.

3. Subject to the above proving satisfactory a mutual agreement may be drawn up in which the State of Mysore may agree to participate up to an interest that shall not exceed 25% in all undertakings, this interest being available for the Government in whichever manner they may deem to receive it.

It is understood of course the details of such an agreement shall be left over for discussion after the results of research and possibilities have been placed before the Government of -- Mysore.

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" C O P Y "

FOR SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.

TSS.

Compagnie

MINERAIS DE FER MAGNÉTIQUE
DE
MOKTA-EL-HADID

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

CAPITAL: 40,000,000 DE Frs.

60, Rue de la Victoire-Paris.

le 4th July 1929

C/- Lavender's Hotel,
Bangalore. 22

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
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6 JULY 29
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

To
Dewan Bahadur M.N. Krishna Rao, B.A.
1st Member of Council,
Mysore Government.

Geol 119-28-3

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I have the honour to remain,
Sir,
Yours faithfully,

A. K. Shrager.

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For la Compagnie des Minerais de Mokta-El-Hadid -

C. K. Strager.
Representative

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Compagnie
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DE
MOKTA-EL-HADID
SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME
CAPITAL: 40,000,000 DE Fcs.
60, Rue de la Victoire-Paris.

Bangalore le 15th July 1929

DEWAN'S OFFICE
16 JUL 1929
No. 169

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
No. 5170
17 JULY 1929
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

2 JUL 1929 No. 517

Geol 119-28-4

Aain-ul-Mulk Mirza H. Ismail,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

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Ref: Mokta-el-Hadid.

1) In thanking you for the interview afforded me as the representative of the above very important company, I feel sure facts of utmost importance were placed before you to facilitate the future progress an policy of the state of Mysore.

2) The exceptional opportunity offered to develop and exploit the mineral resources of low grade chrome ore, at present unmarketable, and to establish the local manufacture of concentrates or suitable chrome salts to form the basis for a local industry, now only depends on early sanction being accorded to the above important group to investigate thoroughly the possibilities.

3) At the outset, the assurance of the Mysore Government is necessary that the Company shall be permitted to subsequently develop and exploit on definite terms an conditions to be agreed upon, that shall be to the mutual benefit of both parties.

4) On receiving confirmation of your Government's suggestions to the detailed proposals as forwarded to your First Member of Council, cable intimation is to be sent for the conference to be called on July 25 in Paris.

5) Thanking you, Sir, for the interest you have been pleased to focus on the project suggested.

I have the honour to remain,
Sir,
Your faithfully,

A.L. Stuages
Representative

ALS/DC.

Secy. to Govt.
16-7-29

N. B.--Shouldroutine notes be written on small slips &the notes must b cipoed, or slips pasted on this form.

Subd. Kind attention is invited to para 4 of the letter.

The previous Communication from Mr. Stuages was read. Subd. to Secy. with draft on 17.7.29

23/7/29 Secy

1st Member 22/7/29 20/7/29 Secy

Secy 20.7.29

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Section Genl

File No. 119-28

Serial No. 5

No. D 961

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

( )

the *192*

Date of issue 26/7/29

Signed by [illegible]

To

Messrs. Simonds Bros.
Shipping, Insurance
& Commn. Agents
90, Lady Curzon
Road,
Bangalore

List of enclosures .....

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

Gentlemen,

I am directed
to acknowledge with
thanks the receipt on 24.7.29
your letter, to the address
of the first member of
Council in the matter
giving you the first refusal for the tender
of Messrs. Simonds Bros., and
to state that the several
proposals made therein

over

due
will receive consideration

of Govt.

Yours faithfully

Ch.

17.7.29

for Dir. Geog

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Section Ecol

File No. 119-28

Serial No. 6

No. D 962

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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the *192*

To

A. L. Harper Esqr

c/o Lavender's Hotel

Bangalore

Date of issue 26/7/29

Signed by H. V. C. S. Narasimhan

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter dt 4.7.29 to the address of the first member of Council making ~~offering~~ certain proposals for exploiting to Commercial advantage the low grade deposits of the State and to state

List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

over

the matter

that ~~they~~ will receive

due

Consideration of Govt.

I leave to

Chr
17.7.29

for Dev Secy

I am to point out that the statement on p. 2 of your letter that "at the outset assurance of the above three points had been "verbally expressed" is incorrect, as nothing in the nature of an assurance was conveyed to you at the interview you had with the Shamburg Council in regard to the pending leases, or in regard to the taking the output of the area worked by the company represented by you.

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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the 192

Date of issue 26/7/29

Signed by M & C.S. Nevalainen

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Section Genl

File No. 119-28

Serial No. 7

No. D 963/Genl (Papers)

To The Dir. of Genl

Sir

I am forwarding herewith in original (for reference & kindly return) letters dated 4/7/29 from messrs. Linnes Bros. & A-L. Shragge (with enclosures) for the address of the first member of Committee in the matter of Ferro-Chrome & the exploitation to Commercial advantage of Low grade Chromite ore

over

I am directed to request
you to be so good as to
favour Govt. with a
view on the proposals
at an early date.

~~Contained in said letter~~

I am glad that Mr Shrager's statement
on the 2nd page of his letter
~~references.~~ that anything like an
assurance was verbally
~~An answer at an early~~ conveyed to him is
incorrect.

~~reply is requested.~~

I have etc

Clw
17/7/29

for Dep. Secy

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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the *192*

Date of issue 26/7/29

Signed by ~~K. C. S. I.~~
Mr N. Rama Rau

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Examined by.....

Section Revl

File No. 119-28

Serial No. 8

No. D 964/L. (Paper)

To .....

Dear Sir Charles ~~Todhunter~~

In continuation
of D.O. letter no. 4 of 4.7.29
from the Joint Member
of Council forwarding
certain Correspondence
that has passed
between myself and Mr. A.L. Stanger
~~(the Joint Member)~~ re
the exploitation of low
grade Chromite ore
available in this State,
I am desired to forward
(for your information
herewith 2 copies of letters

over

4.7.29 received from Messrs

Simons Bros + A.L. Sturages (I am to add)

~~to the subject, and to state~~

that Mr. Sturages is not ~~right~~ correct

in the statement made in

his letter to ~~us~~ that anything

in the nature of an assurance

was ~~conveyed~~ conveyed to him

at the interview he had with

the Priest Members in regard to

the grant of leases for working

Chrome areas or for the sale of

the whole of the out-put of any

areas worked, to the Company

represented by him

Yours Sincerely

Cer
17.7.29

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To

The Perm. Secy. to H.H.

Compagnie

DES

MINERAIS DE FER MAGNÉTIQUE

DE

MOKTA-EL-HADID

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

CAPITAL: 40,000,000 DE Frs.

60, Rue de la Victoire-Paris.

31 JULY 1929
No. 732

Geol. 119-28-9

le 29th July 1929

Lavender's Hotel,
Bangalore.

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
30 JULY 1929
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

To
The Secretary,
Development Department,
The Government of Mysore.

Sir,

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of July 26th, number D/962 Geol.119-28-26.

2) I am pleased to learn the proposals as forwarded with my letter of July 24th at the request of the First Member, and on behalf of the Company I represent, will be receiving due consideration of your Government.

3) In your being directed to point out that I had misunderstood the conversation at the interview with the First Member, I tender my regret.

4) The support and recommendation of your Geological Dept., to the three points of principle at the outset, had caused me to understand the position as I conveyed it, to be simply the lines on which business arrangements could be arrived at.

5) If the wording of your letter received is tentative to convey that no committal to the Company I represent was in any way assured, I quite realize we shall be expected to have our proposals decided on their merits as with all or any others deemed of interest to your Government.

6) I have the honour to ask that my regret and explanation be conveyed to the First Member whose interest in propositions for the development of minerals in the State has been a pleasure for us to realize. In this instance, I await with pleasure the Government proposals regarding COPPER that the member at our interview directed might be placed before my French Principals for their consideration.

I have the honour to remain,
Yours faithfully,

— A.L. Singh —

REPRESENTATIVE.

Genl. 119-28-10

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MINERAIS DE FER MAGNETIQUE
DE
MOKTA-EL-HADID

SOCIETE ANONYME

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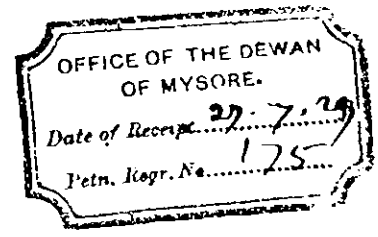

To

The Dewan
The Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Re: Mokta El Hadid.

You will appreciate my inability to [illegible] the following text of a telegram received [illegible]

[illegible]

I have but to refer you to my letters of the [illegible] and following interview with your Minister in Bangalore.

Further, as I suggested, the letter of 4th July ends with the definite [illegible] hope to receive a warrant for consideration. Pending the already [illegible] now in counter correspondence of your Government [illegible] would be found in time to [illegible] from the Conference referred to.

The Conference in Paris, [illegible] annually one [illegible] from different parts of the world are [illegible]

A. K. Strang
Representative

Compagnie
DES
MINERAIS DE FER MAGNÉTIQUE
DE
MOKTA-EL-HADID

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

CAPITAL: 40,000,000 DE Frs.

60, Rue de la Victoire-Paris.

le 4th July 1929

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Proposals for Prospecting & commercial Quarrying of the Iron Ore in the Chrome areas of the State of Mysore

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G. R. S. III—3]

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Section Geol

File No. 119-28

Serial No. 11

No. D 1391

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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the *192*

To

H. L. Unwalla Esqr

Lawrence's Hotel

Bangalore

Date of issue 6/8/29

Signed by Mr C.S. Narasimha

for

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter dated 29th July 1929 and to state that the Dir. of Geology has been asked to send you a copy of the Bulletin on Sugaldial Copper prospecting.

I have &c

for Secy

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Copied by.....

Examined by.....

See over. 578

WD 0399—GPB—20,000—18-9-28

P.T.O

received D 1392 ? 6/8/29

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Dir. of Geol. in continuation of this office no. D. 963/Geol. 11-9-28-7-26-7-29, and with a request that a copy of the ~~Bulletin~~ Bulletin on Sugaldihal Copper Prospecting may be kindly sent to Mr. A. L. Mauger, c/o. Lawenders Hotel, Bangalore.

By order

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Compagnie

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DE
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SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME

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60, Rue de la Victoire-Paris.

le 2nd August 1929.

Lavender's Hotel,
Bangalore.

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
3 AUG. 1929
No. 167

SEC. & REV. SECRETARIAT
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To.
The Dewan,
Mysore State.

Reference Messrs. MOKTA-EL-HADID.

Geol 119-28-R

Sir,

I have the honour to refer you to my letter of July 20th handed into your office by special messanger during your absence and I attach a copy for easy reference.

I understand the consideration of your Geological department may be necessary, though at this stage the principles outlining proposals only for further relationship with your state have been forwarded for approval. I would crave your Governments early decission may be forwarded on the proposals submitted for sanction.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours faithfully,

R. L. Skaggs.
Representative

Secy - to Dept

3-8-29

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20th July

Lavender's Hotel,
Bangalore.

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To
The Dewan
The Government of Mysore
Bangalore.

Sir,

Re: Mokta el Hadid.

You will appreciate my communicating the following text of a cablegram received -

"PARIS CABLES REGRET DETAILS REQUIRED BEFORE CONTRACTS DESIRED OR AUCTIONEERS GOVERNMENT WILL RECEIVED FOR DECISION CONFERENCE CABLED 19 JULY TWENTYSIXTH"

I have but to refer you to my letters dated June 22nd and following interview with your 1st Member in Council.

Further, as was requested, the letter of 4th July embodying the details of proposals which were placed before your Government for consideration. I await the acknowledgment and approval or counter suggestions of your Government that I would crave might be forwarded if possible in time to cable your views for the Paris Conference referred to.

The Conference in Paris, is a half yearly one at which members from different parts of the world are assembled for decisions to be come to on the propositions as placed before them by their Consulting engineers.

You have an opportunity, Gentleman, If I may venture to express an opinion, of entering into relationship with a thoroughly competent international Mining group, with whom development to mutual advancement must be assured if sanction be accorded to the proposals placed before you.

I have the honour to remain,
Sir,
Yours faithfully,

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Proposal for exploiting to commercial advantage the Low Grade Chrome ores of Kyzore State.

Le Compagnie des Chemins de Fer Magnetique de Mokta-el-Hadid, Paris, 30 Rue de la Victoire, having a registered capital of 40,000,000 francs and whose references are given by the French Trade Commissioner have already been forwarded to you, having not decided to become interested in the Chrome deposits reported on, and brought to their notice, with the introduction of Mr. A.L. Fraser of Calcutta, and further regarding on their Consulting Engineer, Monsieur Comrie's visit to leased areas in the State during the early part of this year, have the honour to place the following proposals and requests of a preliminary nature before the Government for their sanction and approval.

1. That a period for inspection of the areas of three months shall be granted with the option of renewal, should the same be necessary. That to facilitate and expedite such inspection all facility of the Geological Dept. will be placed at the disposal of the Consulting Engineers.

2. Subject to the inspection proving the quantity considered necessary for the enterprise to be available then an optional period of not less than six months extension shall be granted for the purpose of carrying out not only the entire research necessary to prove the possibility of concentrating at a cost to enable production to become commercial, but also converting such concentrates into products to meet existing demands and lastly to establish assured possibility of the markets that may be made when control of a sufficient quantity may become available.

3. Subject to the above proving satisfactory a mutual agreement may be drawn up in which the State of Mysore may agree to participate up to an interest that shall not exceed 25% in all undertakings, this interest being available for the Government in whichever manner they may deem to receive it.

It is understood, of course, the details of such an agreement shall be left over for discussion after the results of research & possibilities have been placed before the Govt. of Mysore.

Genl 119-28-12

At Aira Holme

Simla East, 30th July 1929.

PRIVATE SECRETARY MYSORE

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT 31
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5 AUG. 1929
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Dear Mr.Rama Rao,

Many thanks for your d.c.letter No. D.964/Genl. 19-28-8, dated the 26th instant, forwarding copies of letters from Messrs.Simoes Brothers,Bangalore and Mr.A.L.Shrager.

So far as I understand from their letters, Mr. Shrager has not altered his attitude, and I take it that the proposal to give the State a 25 per cent. share in the company which they appear to contemplate will not be acceptable.

Yours sincerely,

1st Member

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Lavender's Hotel,

BANGALORE. le 13th August 1929.

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SEC. & REV. SECRETARIAT
16 AUG 1929
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

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To
The Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Development Department,
BANGALORE.

Geol 119-28-13

Sir,

Ref : Proposals CHROME & COPPER ORES.

In acknowledging and thanking your Geological Department for their letter G. 174, of the 8th ultimo, in reply, I take it, to mine of July 5th, embodying proposals on behalf of the above company, I have the honour to enquire.

1. Whether the question of principals on which the Mysore Government propose to consider the exploiting of their mineral resources in general, or particularly chrome ore, is to be finally awaited before or when the application made on behalf of my company will be treated all together on the decision to be arrived at.

2. Whether the application and proposals of the above Company being a French concern may be assured of similar consideration with those from British groups or individuals and

3. Whether any decision may be expected now within reasonable time to enable investigation by the Company's experts during the coming cold season as from October next.

I shall take it there are no other matters that have been left out in the CONCRETE PROPOSAL I have placed before your government as requested, unless I may now definitely hear from you in reply to this letter.

Our object is merely realising the unforseen circumstantial delay in decision being arrived at by the Government executive, that we however shall be quite prepared to act and decide immediately on sanction being accorded to our proposals and terms, should any counter suggestions of the government be forwarded to us for our consideration in the interim.

Thanking you for an early reply,

I have the honour to remain,
Sir,
Yours faithfully,

A. L. Strafe. F.G.S. A.R.S.M.
Representative,
Messrs. Mokta-el-Hadid

Geol. 119-28-14

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DEWAN'S OFFICE
23 AUG. 1929
No. 192

Le 21st August 1929
Lavendero Hotel

From
A.L. Shrager
Representitive
Messes Mokta-el-Hadid

CHIEF'S DEV. DEPARTMENT
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DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

No. 1324

Demi- official.

Dear Mr. Mirza,

On the event of your return to the State may I crave that you kindly solicit that some decision might now be arrived at to the very concrete proposal I have placed before all departments concerned regarding the above companies exploiting, to mutual advantage the mineral resourses of Chrome and copper, besides the sale of your Pig Iron in France.

It is now 2 months I have continued to await some satisfaction, and graciously hope that further delay may not be prolonged before I may receive the approval or otherwise to the proposals your 1st member requested of my company.

I have but to enclose the copy of a recent cable received from Messes Moklatadid that will satisfy you of the interest they have taken.

Thanking you for your intervention to expedite matter

I remain

Yours faithfully,

A.L. Shrager.
Representative

This is another false statement of this man

I Member with Compliments for kind disposal.

23-8-29

Please tell him that no leaves can be allowed

25.8.29

Lavender's Hotel,
Bangalore,

14th August

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To,
Dewan Bahadur M. N. Krishna Rao, M. A.
First Member of Council,
Government of Mysore.

Sir,

Craving that you will appreciate my efforts to interest the above company in the exploitation to mutual advantage with your government the large stocks of pig iron at Badravati for sale together with the further development of chrome deposits and the copper of Ingaladhal, near Chitaldrug, in your state, I am with pleasure able to place before you the extract of a cable reply received by me yesterday to my letters placed before the conference of the Board of the above Compan

Cable Aug 13th 1929 from Paris

"We wish to investigate leases offered but would insist on controlling entirely technical working. Are very interested by negotiations you report with government re: pig iron - chromite - copper, BUT EXPECT PARTICULARS. Cable confirmation of Mysore Government. Lokteladid."

For easy reference I forward herewith a copy of my letter as this day forwarded to the Secretary to the Government, Development Departments.

You will recall CONCRETE PROPOSALS being placed before your Government concerning both chrome and copper at your request; and the particulars together with samples of your production for sale from Badravati have already been forwarded to Paris.

I have no doubt we shall be receiving the decision of your Govt. at an early date.

I have the honour to remain,

Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Lavender's Hotel

DARCAL 13th August

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To Development Secretary

Sir, Ref. [illegible]

In acknowledging and thanking your Geological Department for their letter G. 174, of the 6th ultimo, in reply, I take it, to mine of July 6th, embodying proposals on behalf of the above company, I have the honour to enquire.

1. Whether the question of principals on which the Cyprus Government proposes to consider the exploiting of their mineral resources in general, or particularly chrome ore, is to be finally omitted before or when the application made on behalf of my company will be treated all together on the decision to be arrived at.

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Thanking you for an early reply,

I have the honour to remain,
Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Representative,
Messrs. Coutsoloflidis

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

Section Estt

File No. 119-28

Serial No. 15

No. D 2358 Estt

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The Dir. of Geol

Date of issue 29.8.29

Signed by..... Ch. Asst

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No D. 963 of 26.7.1929 I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter dated 13/8/29 from Lt. A.L. Shuttleworth making certain proposals for the exploitation of Chromite & Copper ores and to request you will be so good as to favour Govt with your opinion

List of enclosures.....

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Geol 119-28-16

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

'elegraphic Address:—"GEOL."

MYSORE GEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT,

No. 4048-2 Encl. on file

Bangalore, 31st August 1929.

Govt. should whether a further letter from Schrager is necessary

FROM

P. SAMPAT IYENGAR, Esq., M.A.,
Director of Geology, Mysore,
Bangalore.

SEC. & REV. SECRETARIAT 2055 2 SEP 1929 DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

(1st Member)

To

N. Rama Rao, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department.

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SIR,

With reference to your letters No.D.963 Geol.119-28-7, dated 26th July 1929, and No.2358, dated 29th August 1929, and their enclosures in original(returned herewith), I have the honour to advise Government not to entertain the proposals of Mr.A.L. Shrager made on behalf of the French Company Mokta-EL-HADID to exploit the low grade chrome ores in the Mysore State, for reasons given below :-

1) The Committee appointed by Government to investigate the possibilities of the manufacture of Ferro chrome out of the low grade ores available in the State have conducted certain experiments. The results being so far hopeful, endeavours are now made to start large scale operations. The Ferro chrome production, if successful, will require all the low grade ores available. It is not therefore advisable to barter that away by allowing concessions of any kind to others.

2) In Clause 2 in Mr.A.L. Shrager's letter, dated 4th July 1929, to the First Member of Council, it is stated that research work will be done as to the best possibilities of concentrating with the object of converting such concentrates into products &c." A similar attempt to concentrate low grade ore is now being undertaken by the Mysore Chromite Ltd. at Arsikere within the period of 2 years. This forms an essential condition of

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the renewal of the Pensamudra block Mining lease. It is better to await the result of the experiments conducted by the Mysore Chromite Ltd. in that direction. From all reports concentration problem is not quite a success.

Moreover unhealthy competition should not be encouraged.

3) From Clause (3) of the letter mentioned above, it is clear that the Company is anxious to acquire long lease and other concessions or definite assurances to such effect from the Government even prior to the start of any Industry. I cannot help thinking that the main object of the Company is to secure sole control of the Mysore Chromite either by securing long term mining leases over areas not yet leased out or by obtaining sole possession of all output on a contract basis; and thus to start a competition with the existing mine Owners in the export of ore on the plea of experiments &c. This should not be allowed.

4) If the Company is keen on starting any research work in Mysore either to concentrate the ore or to manufacture products, it may be suggested to them that they may do so. The Geological Department will supply the quantity of ore needed for such a purpose at even cost price to encourage a local industry. Where is the need therefore for the Company to obtain permission to throughly prospect before utilization ?

2) In para 2 it is stated that " the deposits had already interested them after inspection" and he Mr. Shrager is out "to negotiate to acquire leases". Hence the Company can count upon the availability of large quantities of low grade ore enough to satisfy their commercial enterprise.

3) As for Mr.A.F. Simoes and Messrs. Beer Sondheimer & Co's requests to give them the first refusal of the Ferro chrome produced, it is too premature to consider this, since everything is still in an experimental stage. When the time is opportune

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details of analyses &c. asked for will be furnished.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M. Sampath Iyengar
Director,
Mysore Geological Department

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Section Estt

File No. 119-28

Serial No. 17

No. D. 2568

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

A. L. Manager. Esqr.
Lawrence Hotel
Bangalore

Date of issue 5-9-29

Signed by Mr. C. E. Norohna for.

With reference to your letters dt 13.8.29 & 21.8.29 in the matter of being given to your concern for facilities, in connection with the exploitation of ~~Jambu~~ Chromite & Cobalt in the State I am directed to state that, no leases of the Government of Mining leases, Govt. regret that can be granted to ~~the~~ Company ~~whose~~ Engineer

List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

Examined by Mr 4.9.29

I have the Cer 20/9 over for Dep Sec

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3 SEP 1929
No. 963

le 2nd September 1929

Lavender's Hotel
Bangalore.

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Seq to Sgt

Dm
3-9-29

Subt to 1st Number with file containing Mr Letter sent to Mr Shrager

W93
5-9-29

The Dewan of Mysore

Sir,

Re. Chrome and Copper and Salt Deposits Magnetic Iron Mysore State.

Dear Sir,

I take it my letter delivered to your office by special messenger on August 21st has been dealt with by you, and it must now please you to receive the extract of the Mailed reply to hand yesterday from the Directors of Messrs Mokta-el-Hadid after their conference in Paris reading as follows:-

"THE PROPOSAL YOU MADE TO THE MYSORE GOVERNMENT IS
"ABSOLUTELY SOUND AND ACCEPTABLE TO US IN EVERY WAY
"WE ARE PLEASE TO CONFIRM THE SAME-"

I take the liberty to further pass through you, Sir, for the disposal of your executive, and more particularly to confirm the bonafide intentions of my Company being willing to cooperate in every way to mutual advantage with you state- the copy of this weeks mail letter now received-

I would kindly solicit that what ever may have possibly been decided in the past several weeks, more especially as to the definite terms and agreement on which enterprising capitalist would be encouraged to participate in developing both the mineral resources and even more now, as you will read, the joint metallurgical proposals as suggested to be your desires- an early interview may be arranged with those executive officers directly concerned with each individual subject, and the request that decision be decided upon to enable progress to be made.

I have the honour to remain

Yours faithfully,

A. L. Shrager
Representative
Messrs MOKTA-EL-HADID.

2nd September 54 9.

Lavender's Hotel
Bangalore

To
The Development Secretary.
Mysore State.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in forwarding you for information herewith the copy of a letter to day addressed by me to the Dewan of Mysore.

I trust the subject matter concerning the above under consideration as you have advised me in your letter No. D/1391 dated 6-8-29, may now have resulted in information being compiled to enable administrative decision being arrived at. Fin 119-30-11.

I remain

Yours faithfully,

A.L.S.

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EXTRACT OF LETTER RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 1st FROM MOKTA-EL-HADID.

Our Policy would be to come to an agreement with the Mysore Government concerning their areas.

The proposal you made to the Mysore Government is entirely sound and acceptable by us. But we cannot send an investigating party to India not knowing anything about the proposed areas. (For what we know they may be absolutely worthless). Before sending out anybody or even CHOOSING THE MEN TO BE SENT, we must establish a programme of investigation. WE MUST KNOW THE LOCATION AND ENTENSION OF THE PROPOSED areas and have a preliminary report on their value. I am sure you would willingly undertake a rough examination on our behalf.

Moreover we want some particulars about the restrictions to exportation foreseen by the Mysore Government. THE IMPORTANCE OF EVEN A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ORE IN INDIA IS UNIMPORTANT. The Mysore Government will not be in a position to make PROFITABLE at a profit for very long time to come. The wording of the clause concerning the restrictions to exportation is essential. We would also like to have some particulars RE: THE PROJECTS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE WAY OF CURRENT ITEM LIKELY. If they are quite sound and likely to substantiate we might even take share in them at our cost at the invitation of the Mysore Government.

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We are quite willing to undertake the sale of the Bhadravati pig iron on the continent. But we must study the position. Constructive business will be at a standstill till the 1st [illegible] on account of the summer holidays. We [illegible] the [illegible] position. Before [illegible] will not [illegible] it is in addition to [illegible] quality. We would [illegible] of [illegible] quality AND WHAT IS THE LATEST I.C.P. TO BUGAO ALL OF THE MYSORE GOVERNMENT?

COPPER.

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Yours faithfully,

A. L. Straga
Representative
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The copy rec'd from the Dewan has been submitted to the 1st Member

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2nd September 9.

Lavender's Hotel
Bangalore.

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BHADRAVATI PIG IRON.

We are quite willing to undertake the sale of the Bhadravati pig iron on the continent. But we must study the position. Constructive business will be at a standstill till the 1st and even the 15th of September on account of the summer holidays. Even then it will take some time before we can come to a conclusion. Before assuming any responsibility on that score we will want to visit the Bhadravati plant and make sure that it is in a position to produce regularly pig iron of standard quality. Meanwhile could you tell us what is the rate of production for each quality AND WHAT IS THE PRICE F.O.B. MORMUGAO EXPECTED BY THE MYSORE GOVERNMENT?

COPPER.

THE COPPER PROPOSITION MAY BE VERY INTERESTING. But we do not know anything about it. If its investigation is to be included in the programme of the party we intend to send out to India, we must have as

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soon as possible some particulars about it location, nature of deposit, ou[illegible]t in past years, [illegible]

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le 7th September 1929

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Bangalore.

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To

Dewan Bahadur M.N. Krishna Rao, B.A.
1st Member of Council,
Mysore Government

Dear Sir,

Ref; Messes Mokta-el-Hadid.

I have the honour to place before you the reply as now received by me from the Developement Department of your Government.

In so far that the decision is now definite regarding the grant leases for the exploitation of Chrome or Copper in His Highness's Dominions, the reply in no way answers the counter concrete proposals at the same time made, and the desire of my company to facilitate the disposal of the large stock of Bhadravati Pig Iron as desired of us, by the Executive officers of your Government.

The Company I represent have forwarded the credentials of a very important nature, and further, from the extract of their mail letter of September 1st, as forwarded under cover of my communication of September 3rd, have concerned themselves with all matters referred to them. The confirmation, and Messrs. Mokta-el-Hadid's acceptance has been forwarded to the proposals placed before your government do not only request the granting of leases only.

In what manner does your Government propose to interest capitalists with the report on the copper prospecting at Chitaldroog, as now circulated.

In the above circumstances, and with due respects, may I now be advised whether further discussions at all are to be considered by your Government, that may interest Messrs. Mokta-el-Hadid, or not.

Appreciating that an early decision may be communicated to enable me to advise on the future investigation programme to be decided upon, dependant on your Government's decision.

I have the honour to remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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Section Geol

File No. 119-28

Serial No. 19

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

No. 04587

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To A. L. Manager Ex

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Bangalore

Date of issue 15/11/29

Signed by H.V.C.S. Narasa

Sir.

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